

APRIL 2022

# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

BIRKDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Term 2 Health and Safety

We will be reviewing our Health and Safety protocols over the holiday. Thank you for filling out [this survey](#). We will send out the revised guidelines before T2 starts. This will include guidelines around visitors, masks and gatherings.

**We've all made it** to the end of a tiring and complicated term! I'm extremely proud of Birkdale staff for their flexibility and resilience during fluctuating class sizes, picking up extra duties, providing learning for both isolating students/ those at school, ever-changing health/safety guidelines all while managing their anxieties around Covid for their own children and vulnerable family members. Teaching is a profession with strong moral purpose; you can be assured your child is being looked after by very dedicated educators.

We realise this has also been a challenging time for many of our students and whānau; we've appreciated the support you've continued to show the school when we've sometimes needed to make decisions with little warning.

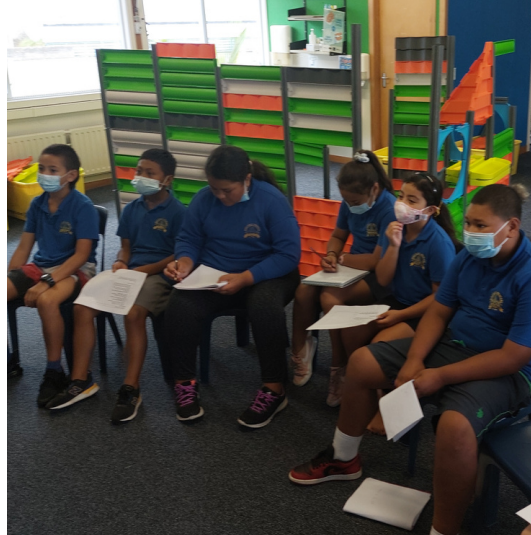
Here's hoping Term 2 is a steady return to greater consistency and rich learning.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Natasha Teinakore  
Tūmuaki | Principal

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Tongan senior students interviewing Lord Fusitu'a to find out information about the volcanic eruption and tsunami in Tonga.



### Uniforms

Our school uniform is: school polo, any dark blue or black bottoms (shorts, pants or skirts), school jumper and school hat. We've had a term of grace with uniforms while we've found our rhythm again; over the holidays, please ensure your child has correct uniform to return to school in. Please send a note if your child needs to wear any non-uniform item for the day.



Minister Kelvin Davis visiting

### Beginning and end of school day

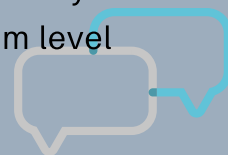
School starts at 9:00am. It is best for your child to arrive at school in between 8:30am-8:50am so they can prepare for the school day.

In term 2, school will end for everyone at 3pm. No more early pick ups or staggered ends. Occasionally, if you need to pick up earlier, please sign them out at the office.

### Learner Hui

Thank you for attending the learner hui earlier in the term. There will be optional learner hui early next term, for whānau who would like to discuss more in depth their child's learning.

If your child needs a more collaborative learning plan, your child's teacher will be in touch with a special invite. One-off interim reports will be going home today (Thursday) to give you up-to-date curriculum level information.







## Road safety



### Road Safety

Salisbury and Birkdale Rd are both very busy in the morning and afternoon; we'll need everyone working together, to keep our children safe.

A few things to remember moving into Term 2:

1

Road crossings will be patrolled from 8:30-9:00am in the morning and from 3:00 to 3:15pm in the afternoon. There will be no road patrollers or teachers on duty outside of these times. .

2

Use the drop off bays or park in the parking zones rather than stopping on yellow lines to drop and pick up.

3

If you are crossing the road, we would appreciate good modelling for our students by using the crossing (even if it is a little further). Please don't cross with your child around the parking areas - this sends conflicting messages around road safety.

# HAVE A

# safe break

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